# House File 228 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 17)

## A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to transitional coaching authorizations issued
- 2 by the board of educational examiners and making penalties
- 3 applicable.
- 4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 14, paragraph b,
- 2 subparagraph (2), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- 3 (2) The applicant is less than twenty-one years of age
- 4 except as provided in section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph
- 5 "c". However, a student enrolled in a practitioner preparation
- 6 program who meets board requirements for a temporary,
- 7 limited-purpose license who is seeking to teach as part of a
- 8 practicum or internship may be less than twenty-one years of
- 9 age.
- 10 Sec. 2. Section 272.31, subsection 1, Code 2015, is amended
- 11 to read as follows:
- 12 1. a. The Except as provided in paragraph b'', the
- 13 minimum requirements for the board to award issue a coaching
- 14 authorization to an applicant are:
- 15  $a_r$  (1) Successful completion of one semester credit hour
- 16 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and
- 17 understanding of the structure and function of the human body
- 18 in relation to physical activity.
- 19  $b_{r}$  (2) Successful completion of one semester credit hour
- 20 or ten contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and
- 21 understanding of human growth and development of children and
- 22 youth in relation to physical activity.
- 23 c. (3) Successful completion of two semester credit hours
- 24 or twenty contact hours in a course relating to knowledge and
- 25 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries
- 26 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity.
- 27  $\frac{d}{d}$  Successful completion of one semester credit hour
- 28 or ten contact hours relating to knowledge and understanding
- 29 of the techniques and theory of coaching interscholastic
- 30 athletics.
- 31  $e_r$  (5) Attainment of at least eighteen years of age.
- 32 b. The board shall issue a transitional coaching
- 33 authorization to an individual who is at least twenty-one
- 34 years of age and who provides verification of an offer of a
- 35 coaching position by a school or a consortium of schools,

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- 1 but who has not completed the coursework required for a
- 2 coaching authorization as specified in paragraph "a". A
- 3 transitional coaching authorization is valid for not more
- 4 than one year, shall not be renewed, and is valid only in
- 5 the school or consortium of schools making the offer of the
- 6 coaching position. A consortium of schools may include a
- 7 school district, a school district school attendance center, or
- 8 an accredited nonpublic school, or any combination thereof.
- 9 Sec. 3. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a,
- 10 subparagraph (2), Code 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- 11 (2) A qualified individual who meets the requirements of
- 12 section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph "a", and possesses
- 13 a coaching authorization issued by the board of educational
- 14 examiners.
- 15 Sec. 4. Section 279.19B, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
- 16 2015, is amended by adding the following new subparagraph:
- 17 NEW SUBPARAGRAPH. (3) A qualified individual who meets the
- 18 requirements of section 272.31, subsection 1, paragraph "b",
- 19 and possesses a transitional coaching authorization issued by
- 20 the board of educational examiners.
- 21 Sec. 5. Section 709.15, subsection 1, paragraph f, Code
- 22 2015, is amended to read as follows:
- 23 f. "School employee" means a practitioner as defined in
- 24 section 272.1 or a person issued a coaching authorization or
- 25 a transitional coaching authorization under section 272.31,
- 26 subsection 1.
- 27 EXPLANATION
- 28 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
- 29 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 30 This bill requires the board of educational examiners to
- 31 issue a transitional coaching authorization to an individual
- 32 who is at least 21 years of age and who provides verification
- 33 of an offer of a coaching position by a school or by a
- 34 consortium of schools, but who has not completed the coursework
- 35 required for a coaching authorization. A transitional coaching

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1 authorization is valid for not more than one year, shall not 2 be renewed, and is valid only in the school or consortium 3 of schools offering the coaching position. A consortium of 4 schools may include a school, district, a school district 5 attendance center, or an accredited nonpublic school, or any 6 combination thereof. In employing a head coach or assistant coach, the Code 8 requires each school district to consider applicants in a 9 priority order, with teachers having first priority and persons 10 with a coaching authorization second. To this priority list, ll the bill adds in the third position those individuals who 12 possess a transitional coaching authorization. 13 Currently, the minimum coursework needed for a full 14 coaching authorization, as provided in Code section 272.31(1), 15 includes successful completion of five semester credit hours 16 or 50 contact hours in courses relating to knowledge and 17 understanding of the structure and function of the human 18 body in relation to physical activity; to knowledge and 19 understanding of human growth and development of children 20 and youth in relation to physical activity; to knowledge and 21 understanding of the prevention and care of athletic injuries 22 and medical and safety problems relating to physical activity; 23 and to knowledge and understanding of the techniques and 24 theory of coaching interscholastic athletics. 25 the board's rules require an applicant to complete concussion 26 training by an athletic association or union, and one semester 27 credit hour or 15 contact hours relating to professional ethics 28 and legal responsibilities of coaches. 29 Code section 709.15, which establishes the criminal offense 30 of sexual exploitation by a school employee and includes a 31 definition of "school employee", is amended to specify that 32 a school employee includes both a person issued a coaching 33 authorization as well as a person issued a transitional

34 coaching authorization.